

FISH THAT BE ODD

Peculiarities of Recent Importations From Japan.

CARE OF STRANGE FISH

The Paradise Fish, Its Growth and Habits—Cannibalistic Tendencies of the Mother Fish.

Recently some very curious nest-building fishes have been imported to this country from Japan, where they have been domesticated for many centuries. The people of the islands are said to keep many of these fishes in their ponds, and to keep them in cages as pets, and to exchange them. They may be said to have created the goldfish and the silverfish by propagating carefully selected broods from common carp. In this way not only did they originally produce the brilliant hues which now adorn these fishes, but by breeding for such points they have obtained the varieties with triple tails, exaggerated fins and other peculiarities of high value in the market. Left to themselves, the goldfish and the silverfish revert within a few generations to their primitive dullness of tint and commonplace form, and because they have been cared for so long they are no more able to look out for themselves when liberated than canary birds are.

Unlike goldfish, says the Chicago News, the newly imported "paradise fish" breeds in confinement, to which it seems to be much better adapted, being very tame, surprisingly intelligent and requiring no change of water in the globe or aquarium, save a sufficient allowance to make up for evaporation. However, it is chiefly remarkable for its nest-building habit. At the time of mating, the male, which is ordinarily of a dull silver hue, exhibits brilliant stripes of red, blue and green, its ventral fins showing streaks of bright orange. When the female is about to lay her eggs, she makes a nest at the bottom of the water, composed entirely of air bubbles. For this purpose she swallows air and ejects it in the shape of bubbles, which are held and made permanent by glutinous capsules from a secretion in the mouth of the fish. Thus a mass of them is got together.

When the female lays her eggs, she would devote them immediately, but the male will not permit her to do so. He takes them in his mouth, and, going beneath the nest, ejects them, when they rise and find a resting place among the bubbles. Or, sometimes, he will conduct his mate under the nest, so that the eggs as she lays them will ascend and lodge in the nest. The laying being completed and all the eggs disposed of in this manner he keeps guard at the nest, not allowing the female to approach it and even attacking her fiercely if she attempts to do so. At the same time he occupies himself continually in making fresh bubbles to take the place of those which burst, and at intervals he agitates streams of air around the nest, apparently for the purpose of keeping it thoroughly aerated.

After about five days, during which this performance is kept up, the young are hatched out. They cannot swim, but cling like little tadpoles to the bubbles. If one falls to the bottom, as happens every now and then, the papa fish darts after it, takes it in his mouth and conveys it beneath the nest, and then disgorges it among the bubbles again. Thus he continues to take care of his offspring for several weeks, until they are able to look out for themselves. They grow fast in a globe and attain a length of about three or four inches. Care must be taken that the paradise fish be not exposed to cold, which readily kills them, whereas the goldfish is said to be so hardy in this respect that it will recover health and animation after having been frozen in ice. These funny nest-builders seem to be exclusively carnivorous, chomping their food, being the most suitable diet for them, or, if they are not obtainable, raw beef cut fine. Any fancier can procure a pair to order, if he has them not in stock, and they will breed rapidly, producing half a dozen broods a year.

SALT'S PRIMITIVE VILLAGERS.

Curious Conditions Prevailing in a Remote Corner of the Island of Sardinia.

Not long ago the inhabitants of the town of Salti, in the island of Sardinia, petitioned the Italian government for a separate municipal existence, it being a part of Bidduso, which is forty miles away. A commission was sent to make inquiry, and this remarkable report was made:

"Salti has no town council, no police, no clergyman, no physician. It possesses no post office, no church or chapel, no school, no registrar's office. On the maps of the kingdom, although it contains twelve hundred inhabitants, it is not marked, yet the state receives taxes from the people, but sends no tax collector to receive them. The tax collector journeyed here every eight weeks to pay taxes. Once a year in May all the children born during the year are taken to Bidduso and there baptized. The dead are buried in the most primitive manner and without any trace of religious rites. Marriages are conducted on the same system without any formality or ceremony and are declared later on to the registrar or parish priest, sometimes long after they have been blessed with wine. Vaccination and medicine are only known from hearsay. The children grow up without attending school or instruction of any kind."

Artificial rain.

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and a softy tower at the center. About eighty tons of ice will be manufactured daily, three methods being employed, namely: the plate system, from filtered water; the can system, from condensed steam filtered and purified; and the can system from deaerated water. Three different processes of cooling rooms will also be shown.

A GUESS AT THE GREEN ROOM.

Why a Green Cloth Was Laid in British Tragedies.

When I was a lad in the painting-room of the old Princess theater, A. D. 1846, says a writer in the London Times, whenever a tragedy was performed there used to be laid down on the stage a huge carpet of green baize.

Often and often have I asked the stage carpenter, the property men, and even the mighty proprietor himself what was the meaning of this theatrical blot of green cloth. But I could never obtain a satisfactory solution of the mystery.

Long years afterward I was enabled to solve the riddle. The meaning of the green cloth was simply this: In the English tragic drama the heroes and heroines are mournfully addicted to dying in sight of the audience.

Now, in the latter part of the seventeenth century, and during the first fifty years of the present one, the nobility and gentry were in the generous habit of presenting their cast-off drawing-room and birthright dresses, often made of the richest silks, satins and broads, profusely embroidered with gold and silver, to the most conspicuous among the players; and the dramatic artists, when it was their business to give up the ghost in presence of the audience, very sensibly objected to having their fine clothes spoiled by coming in contact with the not always clean boards of the stage.

So it occurred to some thoughtful manager to lay down a green cloth on which kings and queens could expire with due dignity, but without soiling their gay apparel.

I have a theory—only a theory—that the "green room" at a playhouse derived its name from the tragedy, green cloth being kept there rolled in case of need.

MUST TELL THEIR AGES.

A Law That Is Not Likely to Prove Popular with Most Women.

According to a recent decree of the Austrian court of law, concealment of age on the part of the bride is sufficient to invalidate the marriage. An Austrian baron has succeeded in obtaining an annulment of his union in consequence of his wife's having pretended at the time of its celebration that she was fifteen years younger than her real age.

Hitherto concealment of age by women has always been considered as to a certain extent defensible and customary, and no one has ever dreamed of regarding these departures from the strict truth in the light of a legal fraud. It is, however, well in any case to remember the old adage according to which a woman is as old as she looks. Says the New York Tribune, and if she be in appearance it is useless for her to claim a fictitious youthful age.

There is an attractiveness attaching to each period of life, and the veteran is often in her way quite as charming as the debutante.

An American Institution.

An Englishman who has now learned two or three things about America in general and New York in particular, admits that he did a very amusing and British thing when he first crossed a New York ferry. It seems that the ferries of this town are famed abroad for their size and sturdiness, and this particular Briton had been assured that he would never know he was afloat when one of these boats by means of any motion perceptible in the cabin. Remembering all this, the Englishman seated himself in one of the ferries, and patiently waited until the usual American rush for the wharf should proclaim his arrival at the opposite shore. No rush occurred, however, and after several boats had come and gone the Briton made the humiliating discovery that he had been thinking better of an American institution than he deserved.

No consolation at all.

How many housekeepers there are that can sympathize with the old Virginia lady who said to her friend on finding a treasured old cup cracked by a careless maid: "I know of nothing to compare with the affliction of losing a handsome piece of old china." "Surely," said the friend, "it is not so bad as losing one's children." "Yes, it is, for when your children die you do have the consolation of religion, you know."

Why the Was Happy.

He—You seem to be very happy. Anything on hand?

She—Don't you see that ring?—Jury.

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Is practiced by people who buy inferior articles of food because cheaper than standard goods. Infants are entitled to the best food obtainable. It is a fact that the Gail Borden "Eagle" Brand Condensed Milk is the best infant food. Your grocer and druggist keep it.

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Coughs and Colds. If you have never used this Great Cough Medicine, you will soon see that it has wonderful curative powers in all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. Each bottle is guaranteed to do all that is claimed or money will be refunded. Trial bottles free at Peck Bros' Drug Store. Large bottles 50c and \$1.00.

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"Any Port in a Storm." but in a moment of calm reasoning try "Royal Ruby Port Wine." It is the purest and best wine of its class. Good body, excellent flavor and great strength. Economical, too, for medicinal and family use. Let it convince you yourself. Quart bottles \$1, pints 60c. For sale by White & White and Thum Brothers & Schmidt.

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